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Classified By: DCM Tom Navratil for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d).

Macedonia currently has 164 combat troops in Afghanistan and will increase this by another 79 troops starting in February 2010, serving alongside the Vermont National Guard's deployment. As part of its mission set, the VNG contingent will participate in OMLTs and is expected to participate POMLTs as well. Macedonia has served in ISAF since its inception.

As a relatively poor country by European standards, we do not assess that Macedonia will be able to contribute to the various trust funds for Afghanistan, but Ambassador will raise this with the Prime Minister when they next meet, which may be as soon as November 28. Post will follow up.  
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